

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (Canceled):

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A linear drive having a cylinder, a piston guided displaceably in said cylinder, and a pinion, said piston being provided with teeth which can engage into said pinion in order to rotate said pinion upon displacement of said piston, and having at least one deformable element which prevents blocking when said teeth enter into engagement with said pinion, ~~The linear drive according to claim 1, wherein an output element a driven element is provided, said driven element being driven by said pinion, and said deformable element is provided between an output element said driven element and said pinion, said deformable element allowing said pinion to yield with respect to said driven element where it allows said pinion a play with respect to said output element.~~

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A linear drive having a cylinder, a piston guided displaceably in said cylinder, and a pinion, said piston being provided with teeth which can engage into said pinion in order to rotate said pinion upon displacement of said piston, and having at least one deformable element which prevents blocking when said teeth

enter into engagement with said pinion, a driven element is  
provided, said driven element being driven by said pinion, and  
said deformable element is provided between said driven  
element and said pinion, said deformable element allowing said  
pinion to yield with respect to said driven element, The  
~~linear drive according to claim 12,~~ wherein said pinion has a  
bore with inner teeth into which outer teeth of said ~~output~~  
~~element~~ said driven element engage.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The linear drive according to  
claim 12, wherein said ~~output element~~ said driven element has  
a recess with inner teeth into which outer teeth of said  
pinion engage.

Claims 15-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Original): The linear drive according to claim 12,  
wherein said deformable element consists of an elastic body.

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The linear drive according to  
~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein said piston is produced as a die  
cast metal part.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A belt retractor ~~with a belt~~  
~~spool and~~ with a belt tensioner which has a linear drive  
according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein said driven element is

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a belt spool.

Claim 22 (Original): The belt retractor according to claim 21, wherein said pinion is coupled with said belt spool.

Claim 23 (Original): The belt retractor according to claim 22, wherein said belt spool has an undulating extension on which said pinion sits.

Claim 24 (Original): The belt retractor according to claim 21, wherein said pinion has a flange which engages into a recess on said belt spool.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The belt retractor according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein a housing is provided in which both said cylinder and also bearing sites are formed in one piece on both sides of said pinion.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The belt retractor according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein said housing is produced as a die cast metal part.

Claim 27 (New): A belt retractor with a belt tensioner which has a linear drive according to claim 13, wherein said driven element is belt spool.

Claim 28 (New): A belt retractor comprising:  
a linear drive having a cylinder;

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a piston guided displaceably in said cylinder;  
at least one deformable element;  
a pinion;  
a driven element being driven by said pinion; and  
wherein said piston is provided with teeth which can  
engage into said pinion in order to rotate said pinion upon  
displacement of said piston, said at least one deformable  
element being configured to prevent blocking when said teeth  
enter into engagement with said pinion, wherein said  
deformable element is either secured to and moves with said  
piston or provided between said driven element and said  
pinion.